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ALL YOUR OWN

Behind the scenes of a popular children's TV programme

ON the day following the monthly transmission of the children's television programme entitled All Your Own, more than 500 letters arrive at the Lime Grove Studios in London. During the following week (writes C N correspondent Edward Lanchbery) they continue to arrive in smaller batches which, however, bring the total up to well over 1000 a month.

Half the letters come from children themselves. The rest are from parents, friends, or schoolteachers who know a boy or girl with a hobby or "party piece" that they think should be suitable for All Your Own. The pity is that there will be room in the programme for only six or seven of these applicants.

How are these lucky ones selected? That is the question I put to Cliff Michelmore, who was once on the Hamburg end of the two-way Family Favourites gramophone records programme, and now spends most of his time travelling to all parts of the British Isles to arrange auditions.

First, there are the age limits from 12 (the legal minimum) to 16. Second, the programme is not intended to be a junior Discoveries.

"We do not want it to become a shop window for talent," said Cliff Michelmore. "We are much more interested in the boys or girls who have done things themselves—in the children who have taught themselves conjuring or ventriloquism, for instance, rather than the trained professionals."

By far the greatest number of letters come from children who can play the piano, or who can sing and dance. Guided by their musical examination standard, Cliff Michelmore may whittle down a selection for auditions at regional studios.

But with so many applications, competition is very keen and the chances of making an appearance are accordingly more remote.

It is the boys and girls with the unusual hobbies who cause Cliff Michelmore to look up the time of the next train to their home town.

TOO MANY COOKS

There is strife in the little Belgian town of Damme.

It began last October at the municipal elections, when the same party was elected under the old burgomaster. But in the meantime, the Ministry of the Interior appointed another burgomaster.

Getting to work quickly "in the interests of economy," the new burgomaster ordered cafés to be closed, a midnight curfew to be enforced, and church-bell ringing to be stopped.

Then the old burgomaster stopped all public clocks "to save electricity."

The Ministry and the district council have both refused to intervene, and the townsfolk now feel that only the King can bring peace to Damme.

There was a boy, for example, who keeps bees; and children who themselves—not their parents—keep and look after animals or insects outside the usual range of domestic pets stand a very good chance of being chosen for the programme.

There was another boy who makes his own model soldiers out of odds and ends lying about the house, including his mother's curtain rings. Another boy constructed a uni-cycle out of a bicycle wheel and taught himself to ride it. A group of schoolboys built their own boat.

These are the kind of hobbies that can indeed be described as "all their own."

EARLY FEARS

There was some misgiving when the programme was launched last December. In the past children had sometimes been asked questions about their models or handiwork in broadcasts from workshops and exhibitions, but the results, owing to shyness and nervousness, had not always been encouraging.

The idea of a programme which was entirely by children, for children, was undoubtedly good; but studio lights and television cameras had been known to put-off even stage professionals.

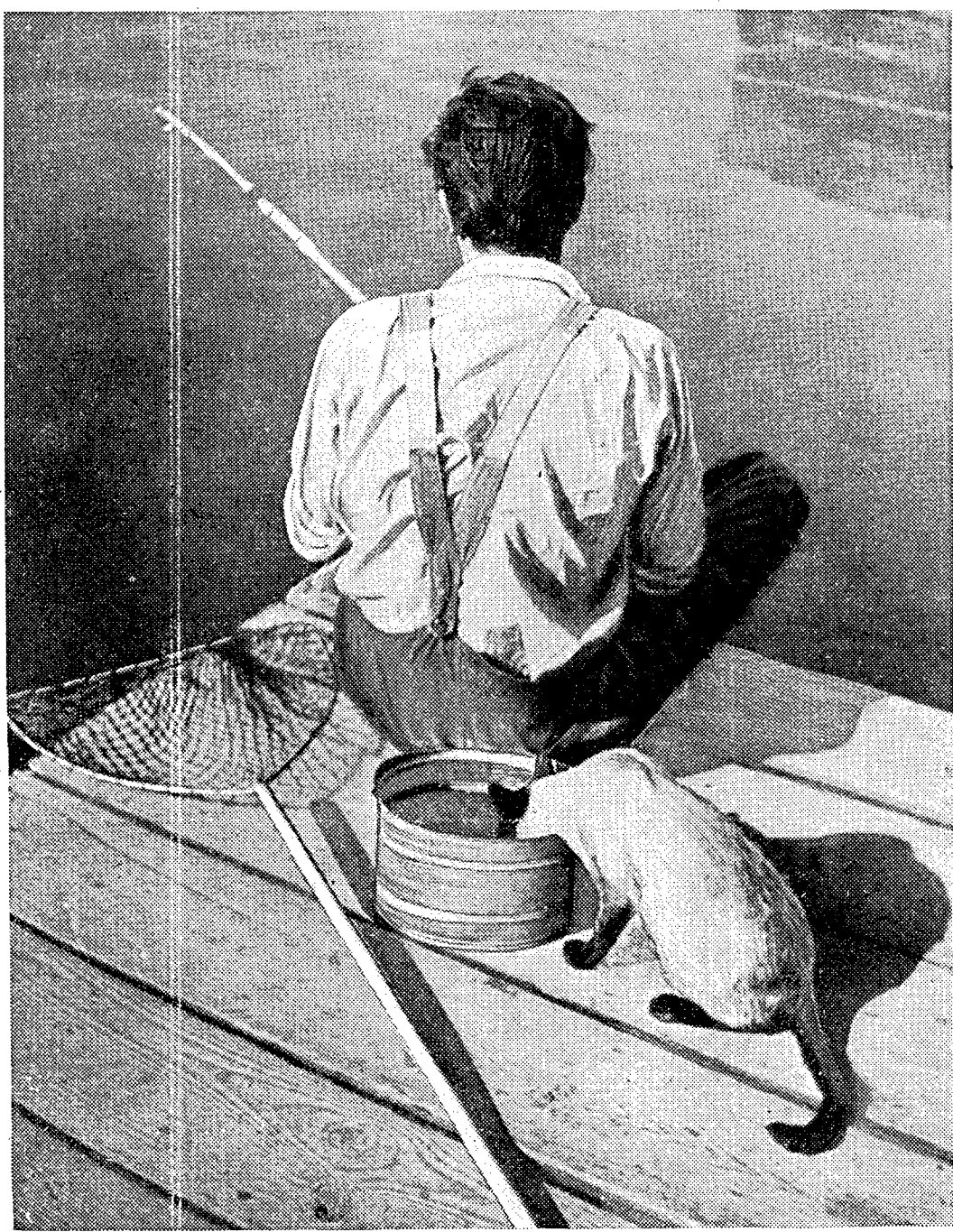
The fears were soon set at rest. Once they arrive at the television studios, the children are too excited and interested to worry about nerves; and their enthusiasm compensates for any lack of experience.

THE ONLY ADULT

In fact, the only person so far to be thrown off his guard in the programme has been a grown-up—the compère and interviewer, Huw Wheldon!

Huw Wheldon is the single exception to the original plan that the programme should consist entirely of children. The idea of using a child interviewer was considered, but it was thought that a grown-up would be more likely to set children at ease in strange surroundings, and could also cover up

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PLAYING THE GIDDY GOAT

A nanny goat caused a deal of commotion in Princes Street Station, Edinburgh, the other day.

When she refused to enter a guard's van food was held in front of her to lure her in. But whenever the food was placed inside the guard's van nanny turned her back on it.

Three porters then tried to get her into the van but nanny simply dug her toes in and refused to budge.

A consultation followed while nanny remained with her horns down, mistress of the situation. The outcome was that five porters advanced on nanny, one to each leg and one holding the horns. Lifting her bodily into the air, they deposited her gently into the guard's van and the struggle was over.

Cat burglar

A young angler carries on with his fishing in blissful ignorance of the raid taking place just behind his back.

ALL CHANGE!

When the stationmaster at Lochluichart, Ross-shire, moves house he will take the station with him.

His house and the railway are making way for the Glascarod hydro-power project which will entail raising the level of Loch Luichart by 25 feet and submerging the house and track. He is moving farther up the hillside, taking with him the signalling apparatus and station fittings.

Two miles of track will be diverted up the hillside. Two new bridges have been built, and a start will shortly be made on the railway.

SCOUTING HELPS LEPERS

A troop of Sea Scouts has been formed among the native boy patients at a leper and T B colony on an island in Port Moresby Harbour, New Guinea. It is run by three women missionaries and two Samoan women.

The serene and happy spirit of this colony is said to be unique. Sea-Scouting, no doubt, has made a contribution to the contentment of the sick boys who live in such loneliness on their tropical island.

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BRITAIN'S SHARE IN PACIFIC PLANS

C N Diplomatic Correspondent

THE British Government is examining ways of helping to make democracy more secure in the Far East, one suggestion being a Pacific Treaty between the Big Powers of the West to form a Far Eastern Alliance.

It would be a bold project, similar to the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation for the defence of peace in Europe. But countries concerned have varying views on the idea.

There is already a treaty between Australia, New Zealand, and the United States—the ANZUS Pact—to reinforce the defence of America and these two Commonwealth countries.

It is a Council of Three which Britain feels she should join. Indeed, people in this country consider that in any general arrangement for Pacific security we should take our rightful share of responsibility. In spite of this Britain has been excluded.

ORIGIN OF ANZUS

But it is pointed out that ANZUS does not claim to protect the whole Pacific area. The pact really arose out of the greater freedom given by the United States to Japan in the last two years.

Ever since the war Australia and New Zealand have felt that they would always be in danger if Japan became strong again; and without special assurances from the United States they would not have signed the liberal Peace Treaty with Japan.

The ANZUS Pact is therefore a promise of help from America should the need arise, supplementing the assurance of mutual support from Britain and other members of the Commonwealth.

Both Australia and New Zealand would have liked a broader pact—one which included Britain,

France, and other interested Powers. But the United States were not prepared to commit themselves so far. Too many cooks spoil the broth, said the American Government in effect.

When the ANZUS Pact was arranged they thought that if Britain were included it would mean supporting British interests in Hong Kong or Malaya. If France came in, special account would have to be taken of the troubles in Indo-China.

The ANZUS Pact would soon become a "white man's club," the Americans contended, and that was not the intention. But it has been agreed that Britain is to be kept fully informed of all ANZUS developments.

There has been some feeling that Commonwealth ties might be

Ballet circus



An equestrienne and her decorative mount in a circus scene in Carte Blanche, the new Sadler's Wells Ballet.

weakened, but there is no basis for such fears; the links binding the Commonwealth are too strong. Far more likely is it that the ANZUS Pact will eventually lead to a wider measure of security for the democracies of the Far East.

Troubles over a wide area of the Far East all support the idea of a wider organisation than ANZUS, and of closer liaison between all countries with responsibilities in the Pacific.

GRANNY'S LONG, LONG TRAIL

A 63-year-old grandmother, Mrs. W. M. Conway, has completed an 8000-mile round-Australia car reliability trial, described by many as the toughest test in the world. Now she is ready to start again.

One of the veterans of Australian roads, she obtained her driving licence 40 years ago and has been driving ever since.

She once drove 10,000 miles in America in less than seven weeks.

MISSIONARY MP

Southern Rhodesia's new Premier

A missionary M.P. has become the new Prime Minister of Southern Rhodesia as that Colony enters the great Central African Federation.

The Revd. Garfield Todd, born in New Zealand 45 years ago, was elected leader of the majority United Party and succeeds Sir Godfrey Huggins, who was recently sworn in as first Premier of the Federation.

Mr. Todd's election was a surprise, for this youthful-looking back-bencher had never held Ministerial rank. But his blend of idealism and hard-working example has won praise on all sides.

The Colony is to hold national elections early next year, and if the United Party retains power the new Prime Minister will naturally continue in office.

EARLY TRAINING

For five years after leaving high school in New Zealand he worked in the brick and pottery trade. It was practical work which proved doubly valuable when he heeded the call to serve others.

Hard study at Otago University and theological college brought his chosen goal nearer, and at 23 he was ordained. Three years later, drawn by Africa's immense need for mission work, he went to Southern Rhodesia.

Mr. Todd is still honorary superintendent of the Dadaya mission, 100 miles east of Bulawayo, which he reached nearly 20 years ago. His wife is headmistress of the local boarding-school for Africans.

Teaching, demonstrating, always ready to take off his coat for a job, Mr. Todd became popular with everyone. Hilly Shabani, which he represents, is the Colony's chief asbestos mining region.

ALWAYS HIS AIM

When, only seven years ago, he became Member for this constituency, it was a notable achievement. True racial partnership, the declared aim of Central African Federation, has always been this zealous missionary's aim.

It will be no easy task to follow in the footsteps of 70-year-old Sir Godfrey Huggins, who has a wonderful record of service to Southern Rhodesia.

Sir Godfrey first went out from London to this young Colony as a surgeon 42 years ago, having been superintendent of the famous Great Ormond Street Hospital for Sick Children.

HORSEPOWER RICKSHAWS

Some enterprising rickshaw owners in Pakistan have fitted their vehicles with the miniature engines used for bicycles.

Instead of having to run along pulling their passengers, the rickshaw men now drive them around with little effort.

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News from Everywhere

PRINCE'S PONY

William, the nine-year-old pony purchased in Ireland as a gift for Prince Charles, has arrived at Windsor Castle. Prince Charles will learn to ride him in the Castle Riding School.

The State Apartments at Lancaster House, London, are to remain open until further notice from 2 to 6 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays.

Miss Amelia Allen of Sheffield, who recently celebrated her 105th birthday, has never been to a cinema.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

President Eisenhower will celebrate his 63rd birthday next Tuesday with what is described as the "biggest old-fashioned birthday party in history." There will be 20,000 guests.

Thresher whales 16 feet long destroyed the nets of two Scottish drifters off Whitby.

A 144-ton excavator supplied by an English firm to New Zealand was shipped in 49 separate packages.

SIGHTLESS COOKERY

Cookery and housecraft courses for blind teenagers have been started in Stretford, Manchester. Gas cookers have thermostatic controls marked in Braille and fitted with audible timing devices. Bread knives are shielded, and food containers have spill-proof tops.

Since its first flight in 1946, Trans-Australia Airlines has carried 3,500,000 passengers over 88 million miles without one passenger fatality.

A New York firm has produced a clothes line of glass fibre which hardly stretches at all under the weight of washing.

The first all-aluminium skyscraper, 410 feet high, has been built at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

A B C IS 100

The October issue of the A B C Railway Guide marks its 100th anniversary.

The exhibition Navigation Today is to remain open at the Science Museum until January 17.

Porpoises have been seen chasing shoals of bass and mackerel close inshore at the Isle of Wight.

LONG WALK

Mr. Ernest Watkins of Herne Hill, who has just retired from the postal service, estimates that during his 46 years' work he walked 35,000 miles and handled five million letters, postcards, and parcels.

The Life Boys, junior branch of the Boys' Brigade, now has a record total of 62,327 members.

Practical instruction in seamanship, engineering, weaving, and other traditional occupations in the Hebrides is being given at a new school opened at Stornoway.

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All Your Own

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any awkward pauses if a child suffered from stage-fright.

On one occasion a girl who had taught herself ventriloquism was in the studio before the show was due to go on, and Huw Wheldon ran through the questions he was going to ask in introducing her.

As he left the girl to talk to the other children on the programme, Cliff Michelmores and producer Michael Westmore drew her to one side.

They thought it would be rather fun if she were to play a joke on Huw Wheldon, they suggested. Did she think she could . . . ?

The girl smiled, and nodded.

At last the time came when Huw Wheldon beckoned her in front of the cameras. He began to ask the usual questions—her name, where she lived, how she came to take up ventriloquism, and so on.

To his consternation she did not answer as she had done at rehearsal, but made her doll speak for her.

This was so unexpected that Huw Wheldon was completely taken aback, and it was the 13-year-old girl who made her ventriloquial doll keep the show going until the programme's solitary adult had recovered his composure.

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MRS WASHINGTON'S CHURCH

St. Peter's Episcopal Church, New Kent, Virginia, one of the oldest in the U.S., has celebrated its 250th anniversary. It was a very special occasion, for the church has been completely restored.

In this church George Washington is believed to have been married to Martha Dandridge Custis in 1759. It was here that she was baptised, confirmed, and married to her first husband, Daniel Parke Custis.

The church is about ten miles from Chestnut Grove, Mrs. Washington's birthplace, which was burned to the ground during the Civil War.

About 2000 bricks were recovered from it for use in the restoring of St. Peter's Church, which was also gutted in the Civil War, and for a time used as a stable.

£5,000,000 WITHOUT ASKING

The famous Orphan Homes of Scotland at Bridge of Weir, Renfrewshire, which have just celebrated their 82nd anniversary, have been maintained from the beginning by public subscription.

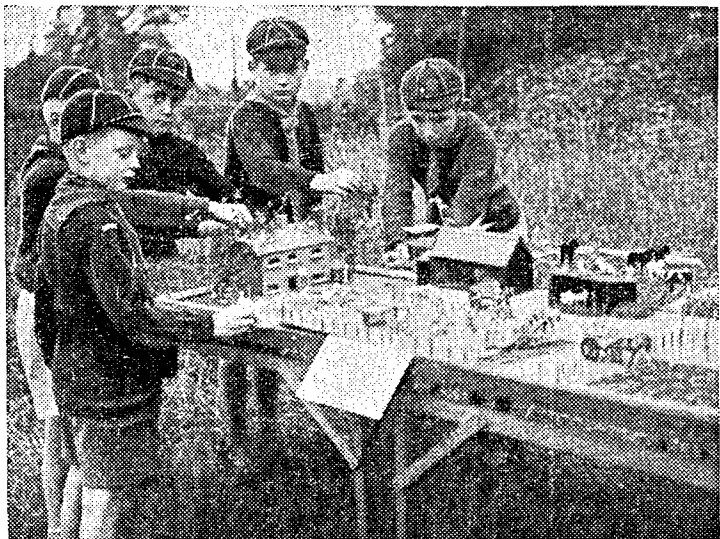
Since they were established in 1871 by William Quarrier, himself an orphan from the age of three, altogether £5,000,000 has been given to the Homes by people from all over the world, although there has never been an appeal for funds either by means of flag days or private collections.

Today there are 1000 orphans in the Homes, and over 24,000 children have been brought up there since they were opened.

SUNDIAL MEMORIAL

A memorial sundial to Lawrence of Arabia has been unveiled in the South Cliff Gardens at Bridlington. It is near the spot where he lived for six years while serving in the Royal Air Force.

Down on the Model Farm



The Wolf Cubs of Tenterden in Kent are justly proud of this model farm. Made from odd scraps of wood, it consists of a house, barns, and implements that work. Hopfields with their poles have been accurately laid out, and hedges and fences divide the land in a most realistic manner.

The boys' average age is ten, and

MODEL-MAKING MADE EASY

Junior folk need not be expert modellers to have plenty of fun with some of the new model-making books.

The cardboard parts in the Press Out books have simply to be pressed out, not cut, and fitting them together is an easy process. One of the books contains the parts for making models of the Comet and the Flying Wing, both of which fly, and another the parts and instructions for a Rocket Space Ship. Both books are published at 4s. each by the Brockhampton Press.

On similar lines are the Working Model Books, published by Odhams Press at 3s. each. These contain the parts for a racing car that works, a model of the Queen Mary, and for building a stage circus.

PAVEMENT ARTISTS ON PARADE

An unusual section of the National Handicrafts and Hobbies Exhibition recently held at the Central Hall, Westminster, was one devoted to paving stones.

Pavement artists, or screevers, competed against each other, drawing their pictures on special slabs.

Alfred Horton, a Londoner, drew a picture called Running Waters and won the first prize of £5, but the day ended happily for all the artists for they also received a pound each, and one or two were commissioned to draw scenes for someone's front garden.

LIFTING THE BABY

A new German "baby" car is light enough for the driver to get out and lift it into a small parking space.

It weighs less than 300 lbs, yet is a full two-seater, has a top speed of about 50 miles per hour, and will cover about 80 miles on a gallon of petrol.



Porthole portraits

Left: Sergeant Harcharan Singh takes a snapshot from the ship which brought him from Malaya to Southampton. Above: Jug, mascot of the U.S. ship Eldorado, takes a 'peep at the outside world.

COMETFUL OF JOY

Eighteen very excited boys and girls went for a flight round Northern France in a specially chartered BOAC Comet the other day. Fifteen of them had not flown before.

They were the first-prizewinners in the Symington's Custard competition for children, which was advertised in the C.N. Entrants had to select the most suitable words from given alternatives in a story called The First Message from Mars. They also had to complete the story. The judges included Sir Compton Mackenzie and Basil Dawson, the Dick Barton writer.

The Comet took off from London Airport and reached Cherbourg, by way of Brighton and the Channel Islands, in about 25 minutes. The pilot came down to 15,000 feet so that the great French port might be seen clearly. Then followed a circuit over Northern France, the return flight being by way of Bournemouth, over which the jetliner passed at 30,000 feet.

There were 18 grown-ups on board, too, for each child was able to take a parent or guardian.

TALKING TYPEWRITER

A new type of sound recording machine "types" a spoken message onto a sheet of magnetised paper.

The message can be played back on the same or a similar machine, enabling recorded messages to be folded and posted like an ordinary letter.

It is also possible to erase the message from the magnetised paper which can be used over and over again.

OIL IN ALASKA

The quest for oil in northern Alaska is to cease, at least for the time being.

After nine years of exploration, the U.S. Navy is still uncertain whether or not a vast oilfield lies under the Arctic snow. Oil has been discovered, but not enough to make production worthwhile.

SOMETHING TO DECLARE

Nearly 25 million pieces of luggage were examined by the 3300 United States Customs officers last year, according to a recent report.

Of this huge total only 13,075 were found to contain articles which the owners were trying to smuggle into the country.

PRE-FABS IN THE JUNGLE

When Director Otto Lang took a camera crew with him to Central Africa to obtain background shots for the Technicolor film, White Witch Doctor, he came upon a tribe called the Bakubas who had discovered the art of building pre-fab houses even in the jungle.

"An entire village is made movable," says Mr. Lang. "Houses are built in sections so that they can be easily transported. The reason for this is that the capital is moved to a new site each time a new king ascends the throne of the Bakuba tribe."

KEEPING U.S. IN TIME AND TUNE

From radio station WWV, at Beltsville, Maryland, the U.S. Bureau of Standards sends out time signals and radio frequencies which keep America on time and in tune.

These signals are broadcast by a clock which is accurate to one part in 50 million (or one second every 38 years). Indeed, it is more accurate than the Earth itself, for it has to be altered periodically to conform to the Earth's changing rotation rate.

Station WWV also broadcasts standard frequencies, one of which, the 440-cycle standard, is equivalent to the musical A above middle C. Musicians and musical instrument manufacturers use this to keep their instruments in tune.

The Bureau scientists are now making an "atomic" clock which may be accurate to one in 100 thousand million, or one second every three centuries!

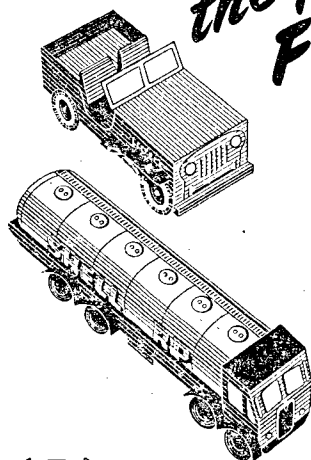
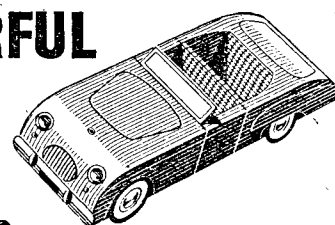
NEW MUSEUM FOR COVENTRY

The City of Coventry, hub of the motor and aircraft industries, is likely to have an Industrial Museum before long.

It is hoped to acquire the Nash Collection of Ancient Transport, a private collection of aeroplanes, cars, and bicycles which is at present housed at Weybridge. These would be added to the famous Bartlett collection of old cycles already owned by Coventry Corporation.

MORE WONDERFUL WEETABIX MODELS

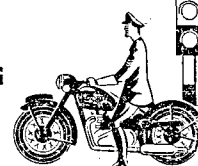
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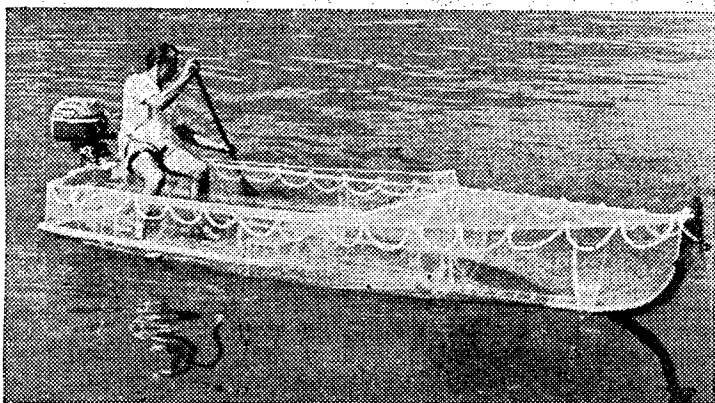


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Craft for a clear view

This boat of transparent plastic was built by Mr. and Mrs. Jacques Jahan of Paris, who believe it is the first of its kind. Mr. Jahan is seen bringing his craft ashore after trials with an outboard motor. The boat weighs 390 pounds.

TALKING OF BIRDS

A MINOR sensation has been caused in New Cummock, near Ayr, by Hughie the canary, who has given up singing and started speaking! He belongs to Mrs. Margaret Stewart who was recently astonished to hear him exclaim: "Wee Hughie"—an expression he had often heard—and "Bonnie wee boy," "Where's Betty?" and "A cup of tea."

ANOTHER talkative bird is George, a tame magpie of Bradwell, near Sheffield, who has learned to say "Hallo," and loves to stand on the garden wall and hail passers-by. He has been reared by 13-year-old Derek Biggin, and sleeps in an attic. Every morning Derek

calls, "Hallo, George," and every morning he gets a "Hallo" in return.

A TRUANT budgerigar that found its way home because it could give its name and address is Peter of Newcastle-under-Lyme. After being absent for eight weeks Peter turned up in the backyard of a bank at Tunstall, and flew to the invitingly outstretched hand of the bank manager, who happened to be standing there.

The manager handed the bird over to one of the bank cleaners, and to her Peter repeated his name and address. She checked it in the telephone directory, and the wandering budgie was sent home.

Oil-seeking at sea

A depot ship to serve men searching for oil under the bed of the sea is beginning her career in the Persian Gulf. She is the Shell Quest, 4081 tons, a former merchant ship specially converted on Merseyside for her new job.

A concession has been granted by the Sheikh of Qatar to carry on underwater exploration for oil in the Persian Gulf, and survey work has already begun.

The prospectors work from launches, and use modern equipment to study the geological formations below the bed of the Gulf, and thus find likely places to bore for oil. When they have chosen them, drilling will begin from fixed platforms.

Meanwhile, the Shell Quest is looking after the sea-going oil-



Searching for evidence of underwater oil in the Persian Gulf

hunters. She has living quarters for about 140 persons, workshops, stores, a heavy lift derrick, an emergency operating theatre, recreation room, and a laundry.

The ship also has a novel method of protecting her hull from corrosion by seawater, so that she will not have to go into dry dock for repainting. This method, called cathodic protection, consists in passing electric currents through the hull into the surrounding seawater, and back again.

MONORAIL FOR ISLE OF WIGHT?

A monorail system on the Isle of Wight has been proposed. Mr. George Bennie, the inventor, visualises 125 m.p.h. propeller-driven cars suspended from a 14-foot-high railway.

The council has told Mr. Bennie that his scheme might be adopted if a survey of the intended route proves satisfactory.

Two of the island's railway lines have closed recently, and others may also be closed. The proposed monorail would be used to replace them.

NEW USE FOR TV

An American steel mill is using a television camera and receiver to enable workmen to see what is happening inside a furnace so hot that a man cannot venture near it.

A heat-resisting TV camera is placed near the observation door of the furnace, while the screen is set up some distance away where the operator has his controls.

WHO'S WHO IN TWO ZOOS

ALL the delights of never-to-be-forgotten visits to Regent's Park and Whipsnade are spread again for our delight (and instruction) in two recently-published books—George Cansdale's Zoo Book (Phoenix House, 8s. 6d.) and Philip Street's Whipsnade (University of London Press, 12s. 6d.).

Written in the same breezy style with which he introduces animals on TV, George Cansdale's book is in the family-favourite category—as fascinating to young people as to their elders, and has 70 excellent photographs.

One fascinating chapter deals with Zoo Mothers and Babies, the parents ranging from the tigress Memsahib, who completely ignores her cubs, to that solicitous papa, the sea-horse, who carries the eggs in his "pocket" until they hatch.

VARIED BABIES

The babies are equally varied—from the go-getting newly-hatched python, which has to catch its first meal—probably a mouse—by wrapping its 18 to 24 inches tightly round it, to the baby sea-lion which is dependent on its mother's milk for a whole year, and has to be taught to swim.

Mr. Cansdale writes also of his adventures in catching African wild animals alive.

He relates how he lost the tip of his finger through being bitten by a poisonous snake, and the ticklish job he and his men had in getting a 14½-foot python into a sack—when they had got most of it in the tail came out again! They took her away, together with 40 eggs from which she later obligingly hatched out 36 junior wrigglers.

UNKNOWN DEER

Philip Street's book is in more serious vein, but it is packed with fascinating information about the animals and birds that may be seen at Whipsnade, and tells of the successes that have been achieved in acclimatising creatures from warmer and drier lands.

There is no more romantic story in all zoology than the finding of Père David's Deer, and the way in which it was saved from extinction.

It was in 1865 that Père David, a French missionary turned naturalist, climbed up the wall of the carefully guarded Imperial

Hunting Park near Peking, and saw for the first time a herd of elk-like deer of an unknown species.

Through the efforts of diplomats a few specimens were obtained for European zoos; but eventually the herd in China was wiped out by floods and warfare.

Mr. Street goes on to tell how the late Duke of Bedford saved the species by persuading the European zoos to let him have their few specimens and then gradually building up a herd in the great Deer Park at Woburn Abbey—the herd from which came the Whipsnade Père Davids and the specimens that have since been sent to zoos all over the world.

Another story in this excellent book tells of Teresa, the Himalayan bear who had a genius for escaping from her pit at Whipsnade.

But she had a weakness for condensed milk, so a supply of tins was kept handy. Whenever word came that Teresa was out again, a keeper just opened a tin and went after her. The temptation was too much, and it was back to the pit for Teresa!

NO CARS IN THIS VILLAGE

The Swiss mountain village of Zermatt has solved its traffic and accident problem by banning all cars from its streets.

For a visitor from abroad, writes a CN correspondent, a car-less community is a strange but restful experience. All cars coming up to Zermatt from the Rhône valley must stop at the village of St. Niklaus, 13 miles away, and motorists then take the little electric train.

In this peaceful little village horses, mules, goats, and donkeys continue on their leisurely way, and the visitor is able to stroll in the middle of the road without risk.



Zoo personalities

Lou-Lou, Bristol Zoo's 15-month-old chimpanzee, with some bananas which were grown in the reptile house. On the right, Scruff appears to be showing Henry the size of a fish that got away in the Himalayan Bears' pool at the London Zoo.

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MADE BY THE SWAN PEN PEOPLE

From London to New Zealand in less than one day?

As the Duke of Gloucester lowers a green flag this Thursday afternoon at London Airport, the first of 11 aircraft will gather speed along the runway and take-off on the first leg of the world's longest and toughest air race—the 12,000-mile course to Christchurch, New Zealand. Only 24 hours later some 80,000 New Zealanders will gather at Harewood Aerodrome to await the arrival of the first of the planes.

There are two sections in this great air race—the Transport Handicap Section and the Speed Section—with prizes for the first four in each section of £10,000, £3000, £1000, and £500. In addition to the prize money, the winning crew in the Speed Section will also receive the magnificent Harewood Trophy.

In the Transport Handicap the emphasis is not so much on speed as on payload, passenger accommodation, costs, revenue from flight, and so on. A formula has been worked out for each plane and, on this basis, each of the competitors is told in what time the flight should be completed.

Each machine will be credited with one point for every hour saved on this scheduled time, and

designed for long trans-continental routes, but there is little doubt that it will put up a good performance.

It is essential, of course, that there should be a minimum delay at the Viscount's 13 scheduled stops en route, and B.E.A. have made arrangements for a "high-speed turn-round" drill, even providing a special exit in the fuselage so that engineers can clamber onto the wings and unscrew the fuel tank caps while the plane is still taxi-ing in!

Three of the passengers on the Viscount are Mr. Peter Masefield, Chief Executive of B.E.A., who will act as a relief pilot, Mr. John Profumo, Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Civil Aviation, who will be flying as an

at the start of the race. Planes in both sections at the start of the race will be flagged-off at five-minute intervals.

From the first, the Air Council decided to treat the race as an exercise, voting a sum of £100,000 to allow the R A F to enter three Canberra PR Mk 3 photo-reconnaissance planes and a Valiant bomber.

Both these types have top speeds in excess of 600 m.p.h., and with favourable winds they could average 500 m.p.h. for the complete trip.

The four-engined Valiant, which has a higher cruising speed and a greater range than the smaller Canberra, will land only twice on the journey—at Karachi and the Cocos Islands, spending about an hour for pit work at each airfield. The Canberras will have to land four times—at Shaibah, Ceylon, the Cocos Islands, and Perth.

The planned "turn-round" time at the staging posts is between 15 and 20 minutes for the Canberra crews, so they will have little more than an hour on the ground during the whole journey. In flight, their energy will be maintained by orange juice and barley sugar—a diet supplemented by energy-producing meals snatched at the staging posts.

To allow crews to drink orange juice while wearing oxygen masks, rubber tubes will be supplied through which the juice can be taken—providing the crew take care occasionally to warm the tubes to prevent them from freezing.

SETTING up ground parties of RAF personnel (totalling nearly 200 officers and men) at the staging posts has presented many problems to the Air Ministry.

At the Cocos Islands, for example, because of the shallow seas, a naval landing craft had to be commandeered to shuttle the ground staff and some 300 tons of equipment between the transport ship and the wartime landing strip being utilised in the race.

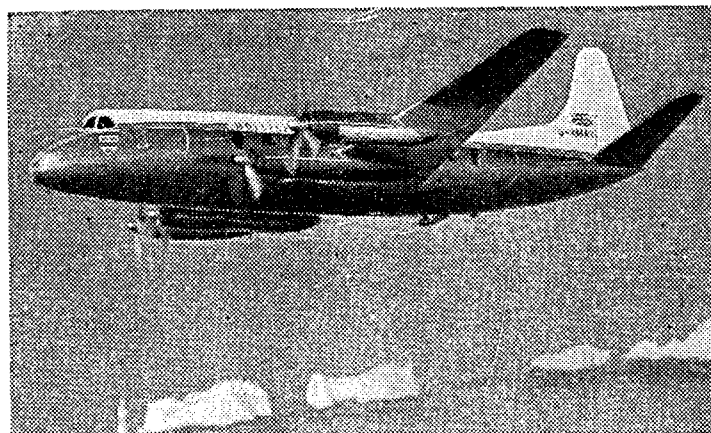
Items landed on the island included several pressure refuellers, each weighing eleven tons, and a "Eureka" navigational beacon.

Chief opposition to the Royal Air Force entries will come from two new Australian-built Canberra bombers entered by the R A A F. Other planes in this section are two De Havilland Mosquito Mk 41s, entered privately by Australian pilots.

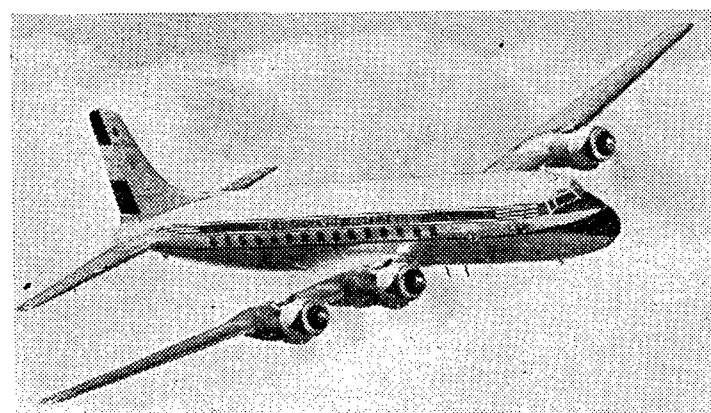
IT is fitting that the greatest air race since the war should take place this year, the jubilee year of heavier-than-air flight.

Nineteen years ago almost to the day the MacRobertson Race to Melbourne was won in 71 hours; this year the winner may arrive at Christchurch within 24 hours of leaving London. We cannot but wonder in what time the journey will be accomplished when aviation celebrates its centenary.

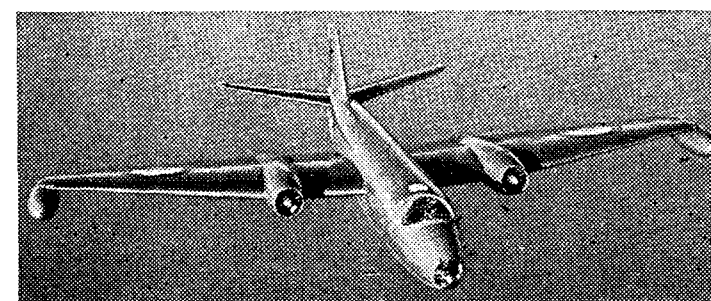
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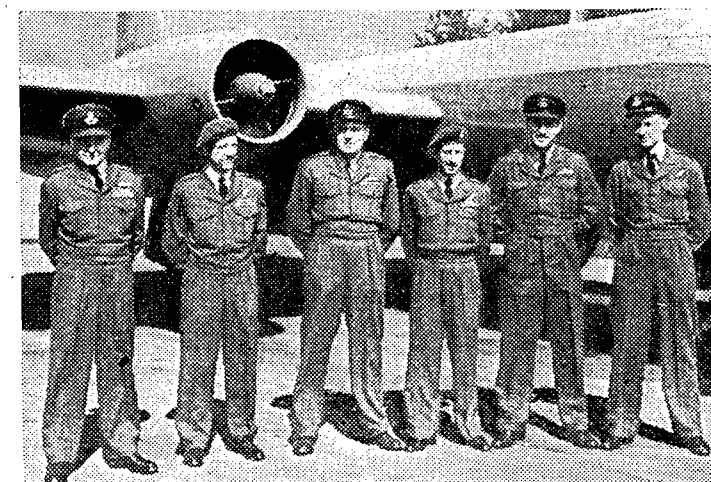
The Vickers Viscount entered by B.E.A.



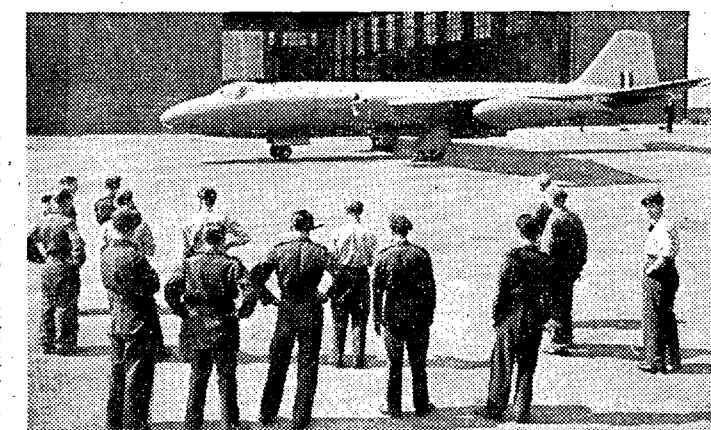
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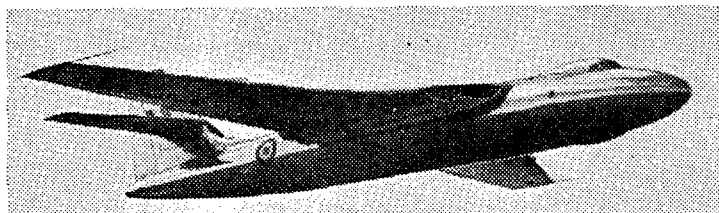
The English Electric Canberra jet bomber



The crews of the three R A F Canberras



A Canberra at Wyton R A F Station, Hunts



The Vickers Valiant four-jet bomber

the machine which collects most points—not necessarily the first to arrive—is the winner.

STRONGLY favoured in the Transport Handicap is the giant Douglas DC-6A Liftmaster airliner, piloted by veteran K.L.M. pilot, Captain H. A. Kooper.

For Captain Kooper and his crew of 12 it will merely be a somewhat faster trip than usual, with the possibility of both winning a prize and repeating the success of another K.L.M. airliner, a DC-2, which won the Transport Section of the London-Melbourne Race in 1934.

For the 64 passengers in the Liftmaster, most of whom are New Zealand-bound emigrants from Holland, it will mean an exciting "grandstand" view of this great air race.

THE main opposition to the Dutch airliner is expected to come from the propjet-powered Vickers Viscount airliner entered by B.E.A. The Viscount was not

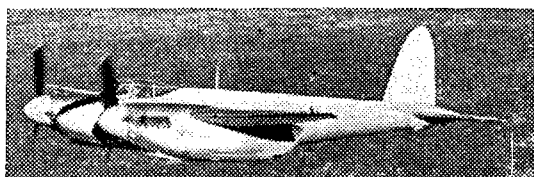
official observer and "steward," and Mr. Raymond Baxter, the BBC commentator, with his recording gear.

The other entry in this section is a four-engined Handley Page Hastings C Mk. 3 of the Royal New Zealand Air Force.

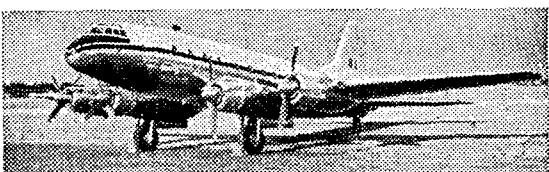
Three of these fast, long-range transports, many of which are in service with RAF Transport Command, have been supplied to the R N Z A F for carrying V.I.P.s. The Hastings is powered by four Bristol Hercules radial engines and has a top speed of 348 m.p.h. at 22,000 feet.

As its name implies, the Speed Section is a straightforward dash to Christchurch, and, as in the Transport Section, there are no restrictions as to the routes taken, apart from the stipulation that this must be from West to East, and that competitors must get their Race Logbooks stamped at any refuelling stop between the longitudes of 30 degrees E and 120 degrees E.

The total time, including stops, will be counted, and the only adjustment considered will be the matter of the few minutes' differences in take-off times



Above: An outstanding plane of World War II, the De Havilland Mosquito
Right: the Handley Page Hastings



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IN THE GOOD NEW DAYS

MUCH of the healthy fun which is today freely enjoyed by young people was forbidden in a more restrictive age. Some 200 Queen's Scouts from all over the country were reminded of this the other day when they assembled at Charterhouse School to be presented with Royal Certificates by Lord Rowallan, the Chief Scout.

It was there that the great Baden-Powell first practised Scouting. He once recalled that it was in a copse near the school, which was out of bounds, that he learned how to cook over a bushman's fire, how to use an axe, how to walk across a gully on a felled tree trunk, how to move silently through the bush so that one became a comrade rather than an interloper among the birds and animals that lived there.

"I knew how to hide my tracks," he said, "how to climb a tree and 'freeze' up there while authorities passed below . . . It was in the copse that I gained most of what helped me in after life to find the joy of living."

Since those days of unimaginative authority, millions of boys have found similar joys without having to break any rules; and girls, too, have been encouraged to emulate their brothers in seeking them.

A happier generation is, as Milton sang: "In unreprieved pleasures free."

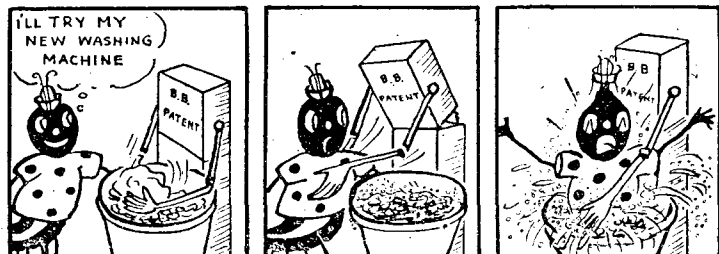
Under the Editor's Table

Water usually attracts children. Unless there is soap in it.

A firm advertises special footwear that makes people look taller. But not too big for their boots.

A Hollywood producer said he could find nothing in Scotland that looked like Scotland. Or what he thought Scotland ought to look like.

BILLY BEETLE



COLUMBUS DAY

NEXT Monday is Columbus Day in the United States, and there will be nation-wide celebrations of this 461st anniversary of Columbus's first sight of the New World.

In New York the day's celebrations will begin with a parade in which as many as 15,000 schoolchildren and 45,000 adults will take part, a two-mile-long procession marching to the music of about 40 bands.

What is perhaps most impressive about such a parade is not so much the thud of marching feet and the burst of lively marching tunes, the shimmer of thousands of flags and elaborate banners, and the historical tableaux, but the variety of races represented.

In the ranks, for instance, will be sections of New York's large Italian community, Chinese contingents, squads of Negroes, and members of New York's Jewish and Irish population.

All of them will march proudly—as Americans always do on Columbus Day, citizens of a great country proudly paying tribute to the great explorer who in 1492 discovered the New World after a voyage across the Atlantic which took 70 days!

Thirty Years Ago

AMERICA has won the Schneider Cup for seaplanes in the race at Cowes by travelling at an average speed of over 177 miles an hour.

Belgium won the Gordon Bennett trophy in the great balloon race, her balloons being first and second with flights of 719 and 681 miles.

The White Star liner Majestic has just broken the Atlantic record by crossing from New York to Cherbourg in 5 days 5 hours 21 minutes, beating her own record of 5 days 6 hours 13 minutes.

From the Children's Newspaper, October 13, 1923

PETER PUCK
WANTS TO
KNOW

If chiropodists ever
study handbooks

A little American boy visiting London is anxious to learn English expressions. He should study people's faces.



The Editor's Table

Inspired by a song

THE town of Winton in Queensland is planning to set up a statue to the swagman (tramp) who became famous in the Australian song Waltzing Matilda, for it was there that the song's composer, "Banjo" Paterson, first sang it in 1895.

Since then, the song concerning the sad ending of the jolly swagman who camped by a billabong (stream) has echoed round the world; in the jungles and on the beaches—wherever there were Australian fighting men, Waltzing Matilda would be there, too.

The statue will represent the swagman "humping his bluey" (carrying his roll of bedding) and will also express the restless spirit of the wanderer, a spirit which has done much to carry civilisation across the vast spaces of the Island Continent.

Guaranteed new laid!



Who wouldn't laugh if he had an egg delivered to him in this unusual manner?

Well, frankly . . .

"TELL me exactly what you think of it"—that is an invitation most of us shrink from, whether "it" be sister's new hat, or a friend's attempt to paint a sunset.

But if the invitation comes from an author not personally known to us, and we can reply by post, some of us might be tempted to let frankness have full rein.

Such a challenge has been countenanced by several authors who are anxious to receive comments on their books. The National Book League, promoting this "do write to the author" scheme, is willing to act as clearing-house for letters on any book published in the last 12 months.

These brave authors are resolved to know the worst, and we can only hope that the cold blast of adverse criticism will be tempered by the gentle breeze of praise.

SPEECH AND SUCCESS

FEW things impress an employer more than the way a young job-seeker speaks. This was underlined the other day by Mr. Lynton Fletcher, formerly director of the B.B.C.'s recorded programmes.

"Not only on the radio or the stage do voices count," he said. "A secretary can win praise for her telephone voice. At an interview you can talk yourself into a job or out of one. At staff and salesmanship schools people are taught that there is conversation that makes friends, conversation that makes enemies, and conversation that makes money."

Young people should take his remarks to heart. Success comes more easily to those who speak clearly and avoid mumbling, and can express themselves well but without affectation. Daily practice in good speaking makes it automatic.

Lady in disguise

"OH, bother!" exclaimed a friend of ours the other day, when she saw some smartly-dressed friends walking up her garden path, just as she had come indoors, tired from picking peas and, of course, still in old clothes.

"Don't you worry, now," said the kindly countrywoman who was helping her. "You'll always be mistaken for a lady!"

Think on These Things

KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR looked from the royal palace over his capital city, and boasted of his own achievements. "Is not this great Babylon, that I have built for the house of the kingdom by the might of my power, and for the honour of my majesty?"

This king claimed to have done everything by his own might and power. He was pleased because his greatness was known to all the world, and he boasted of all he had done.

The fourth chapter of the book of Daniel tells what befell him because he forgot God. It is a chapter worth reading.

F. P.



OUR HOMELAND

The wide sweep of Broad Street at Ludlow, Shropshire

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THEY SAY . . .

THERE is hardly anything the world needs more sorely today than fellowship.

Archbishop of York

MEN are not educated if they have merely gone through the processes of learning how to earn a living. Their real education begins only after that time.

Lord Greenhill

THE tiresome thing about modern lamp standards is that they all look like sick serpents with carpet cleaners in their mouths.

Mr. C. C. Smith, at a conference of Public Lighting Engineers

THE Romans would be amazed at the little progress that has been made since they built their wonderful network of 4000 miles of road on which much of our present system was based.

Chairman of the Highways Committee of the British Road Federation

CHALLENGE fear and call its bluff by turning the light of reason on it, and you may find that it will disappear at once.

Rev. Lyall Dixon, of Melbourne, Australia

THERE is a nucleus of young people in England who stand comparison with those of any previous generation.

Vicar of Bognor Regis

Out and about

OVER the thinning hedges and stubble the Fieldfares flutter in small flocks, dispersing now and again in their quest for insects, worms, and berries.

These welcome autumn-to-Spring visitors began to arrive last month. They resemble our thrushes but have a buff breast, an almost white belly, and a greyish head.

Another thrush-like and handsome visitor now arriving is the Redwing from northern Scandinavia. When the rich brown wings of the bird open you see the reddish, almost orange, brown of its sides.

The Redwing's little song is better than the Fieldfare's, nearer to that of the Thrush. C. D. D.

JUST AN IDEA

As Joseph Addison wrote: I value my garden more for being full of blackbirds than of cherries, and very frankly give them fruit for their songs.

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Let THE HUT MAN be your guide to Nature's . . .

HIDDEN HAUNTS



10. The edge of a wood

THE edge of a wood is chosen for this month's hidden haunt because it is the frontier between two quite different and equally fascinating domains: on one side the shadowy silence which is the realm of the trees, on the other the open sunlit fields and all the little sounds that come from distant streams, lanes, and farmsteads.

No guard-posts prevent the inhabitants crossing into each other's territory. Here on the frontier they mingle—field-dwellers penetrating a little way under the trees, and wood-folk exploring sunny grass-lands. At the border we will meet them all.

That is why, on a warm October afternoon, we cannot do better than seek a secluded corner at the edge of the wood.

Instead of going to meet the wild creatures we want them to come to us, so let us settle comfortably on a bank of that fine soft grass which is at its best when growing near pines, firs, or larches.

The branches of the outermost trees form a canopy overhead, tall bracken screens us from the open fields, and between us and the dim woodland glades stands only the huge bole of a fir with deep, needle-strewn hollows between its roots.

There is not even the faintest stirring of leaves, the sunlight is bright and warm, and "all the trees are silent and aware."

THEN comes the gentlest movement we can see in the countryside, a floating star of thistledown which drifts into our corner from the fields and softly moors itself to a tall foxglove stem. Our attention is drawn to the stiff upright stalk, now bearing only seed-pods, the faded limp bells fallen to the ground below.

With startling unexpectedness, a cone falls beside us from some overhead branch, a cone from which each scale has been skilfully wrenched away.

Looking up, we are just in time to see the agile red form of a squirrel racing along a bough to disappear among clustering leaf-

SPOTS BEFORE HIS EYES

Of a number of dogs on the beach at Portobello, near Edinburgh, a seagull seemed to single out a dalmatian as an object of attack.

Time and again the gull swooped upon the animal, breaking off its attack only inches away, and then swooping up again with an angry scream.

Onlookers who saw the incident concluded that the seagull must have taken a sudden dislike to the dalmatian's distinctive colouring.

needles. He had extracted every seed from that cone, tearing off the scales to reach them, but though finished with it he was no doubt annoyed that its fall had disclosed his presence above us.

In certain districts the falling cone may indicate the presence of another seed-lover, the bright little parrot-like crossbill. But then the scales would not be torn away but twisted apart by the bird's curiously-adapted pair of overlapping mandibles.

WATCHING for a reappearance of the squirrel, our eyes look here and there among the branches, and we suddenly discover that we, the would-be observers, have all along been observed by the calm, solemn eyes of a tawny owl.

There he sits, almost straight overhead, his side pressed close to the trunk of his daylight roosting tree, head tilted forward to watch us with an air of mixed apathy and curiosity.

While smiling up at him we are attracted by a rustling of dead leaves under the bracken fringe. It is a confiding hedge accentor, that delightful little brown bird so often and so unfortunately called the hedge sparrow. He has found the mouldering leaves of our corner a pantry well stocked with small worms and insect larvae.

Accentor is one of the field-dwellers who has come to our frontier corner, and, typical of his kind, finds a plentiful feast in corners neglected by other birds.

Another diner, a wood-mouse from the wood this time, has discovered where a wild-rose bends a hip-laden spray among the grasses, not more than a foot from the hedge accentor's pantry. We watch him slit the red skins to reach the hairy seeds within, a mutual trust between him and his fellow diner among the leaves.

THROUGH the sunlit air, between us and the blue October sky, floats a glistening thread which sinks lower and lower till one end anchors on a bronzing bracken frond.

Watching it we see a tiny dark speck at the free end still floating in the air, a minute somebody who turns out to be a baby spider; and we know we have witnessed the homecoming of this little aeronaut after, perhaps, a journey of many miles from where she hatched with sisters and brothers from the maternal cocoon.

Through the air she has floated on her self-spun parachute, rising and falling at will, and now at last come to rest where her first tiny web will be spun—on that bracken frond in our hidden haunt by the edge of the wood.

YOUNG EXPLORERS IN CANADA

Almost unknown country in British Columbia, and regions there unvisited by white people for well over 30 years, were traversed by the expedition of the British Schools Exploring Society which lately returned from Canada.

These 82 young adventurers have had a strenuous but intensely interesting five weeks. They set up their base camp near the northern end of Lake Stuart, and carried out eleven marches through difficult and densely-wooded country that has not changed since Alexander Mackenzie became the first white man to make his way through such regions to the Pacific.

Some of them climbed Mount Sydney Williams, 6500 feet, and a selected party went on a final endurance test of a 14-day march, during which they explored 116 miles of a comparatively unknown territory. On all these tough hikes they carried their food, tents, and equipment on their backs.

NOT A DULL MOMENT

Scientific observation was an important part of their hard-going holiday. The surveyors made a detailed map of the area round the north-western arm of Lake Stuart on a scale of 1-in-25,000, and also gained information about the general form of the lake basin by making bathymetric cross-sections.

The meteorologists were busy at their weather station at the base camp while the biologists made collections of pressed plants and of insects, and took detailed notes of bird and animal life. In fact there was not a dull moment for anyone!

It has all been an experience to develop in these lads that spirit of self-reliance and initiative which will be needed by the future leaders of the nation.

FLYING FARMER

Mr. Guy Stephenson, a farmer of Market Weighton, near Hull, uses a Miles Messenger aircraft to supervise the animals and crops on 3000 acres.

Mr. Stephenson, who learned to fly about three years ago, also uses the plane to attend sales and auctions. If he goes to Cambridge, for example, for an implement sale, he leaves home at 9 a.m., and arrives at his destination an hour later. After finishing his business he can be back in his Yorkshire home by 2 p.m.

The landing fee on aerodromes is about 5s., but Mr. Stephenson seldom has to pay this. He just puts the Messenger down in the most convenient, cropland 200-yard field and walks to his destination.

IN A TWINKLING

From America comes news of an electrical computer which can do difficult multiplication and division sums many times faster than the blink of an eye.

An ingenious feature of this electronic brain is its high-speed printing attachment which can print 600 lines the width of a four-column newspaper in one minute.

It will be used to solve complicated mathematical problems connected with jet research.

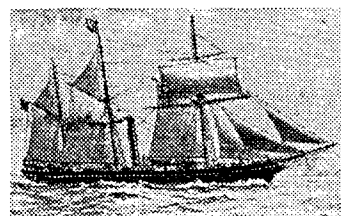
PROUD CENTURY OF THE UNION-CASTLE LINE

Just a century ago—on October 7, 1853—the Union Steam Collier Company was registered to supply steam packets at Southampton with coal carried in steamers instead of sailing brigs. That modest shipping line is now the great Union-Castle Mail Steamship Company, with 24 ships in service and two more in the process of being built.

The Union-Castle liners, with their distinctive lavender-grey hulls, white upperworks, and vermilion and black funnels, are part and parcel of the history of the Union of South Africa.

Yet their founder, a Shetlander named Arthur Anderson, never thought of trading to Africa. The Crimean War diverted his first five Thames-built steamers to Turkey with military supplies, and afterwards they ran to South America. Then a mail contract to the Cape was obtained.

The first Union ship on the run was the *Dane*—of 530 tons as against the 28,705 tons of the present flagship of the line, the *Edinburgh Castle*. It left the Solent on September 15, 1857 and anchored in Table Bay on October 29—44 days for a journey which is



The S.S. Dane

now regularly accomplished in under 14 days, the record being 12 days 17 hours by the *Carnarvon Castle*.

The Union Company quickly established a reputation for regular passages, and the arrival of the mail steamer at Cape Town became a great event. When she was sighted, a flag was hoisted on the hill known as the Lion's Rump, and she was greeted with two guns.

"England was so far off," wrote an early Cape settler, "that we ceased to call it 'Home' . . . until the Union Company came, and reduced the distance."

In 1872, 15 years after the Union steamers, the first Castle Line steamer arrived. The man behind the Castle Line was also a Scot, the redoubtable Donald Currie, son of a Greenock hairdresser.

A successful Cunard employee who had launched out on his own, Currie was well aware of the value of publicity, and his smartly-painted, fast steamers were

scheduled to show up the slower paces of his sombre, black-painted rivals. He soon shared the valuable mail contract.

The opening of the Suez Canal in 1869 took away much of the importance of the Cape as a port of call on the way to India, but the discovery of diamonds and afterwards gold in the hinterland made up for that. Both the Union and the Castle lines prospered.

MR. GLADSTONE'S TRIP

Perhaps Sir Donald Currie reached the height of his powers when in 1883, with Prime Minister Gladstone as his guest on board, he extended the trial trip of his beautiful new *Pembroke Castle* to Copenhagen, where many of Europe's royal families were gathered. Unfortunately, Mr. Gladstone had not obtained Queen Victoria's permission to leave the country, and she was "very indignant."

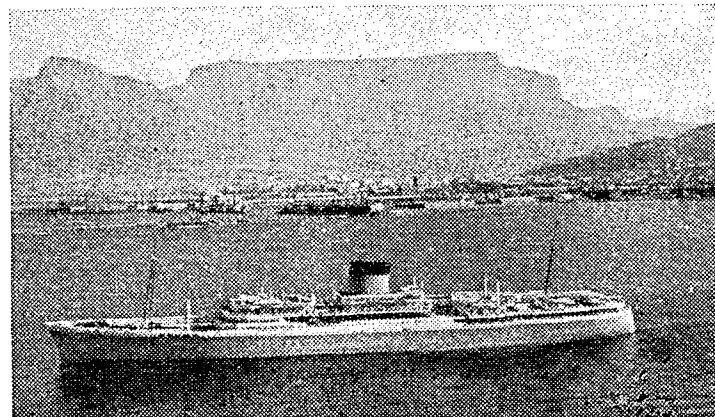
In 1900 the two rival companies were amalgamated into the Union-Castle Line, and ever since then it has been the most important shipping company trading to the Union of South Africa.

The fleets performed valuable services in both world wars, and suffered heavily. Deeds of gallantry were many, the *Rochester Castle*, for instance, being the first to enter Malta Harbour in that bitterly-attacked convoy which brought the island supplies.

EXPRESS SERVICE

The present fleet of 24 ships of well over 400,000 gross tons includes eight mail and passenger liners maintaining a weekly express service between Southampton and Cape Town, half a dozen passenger liners on the Round Africa service, and seven fast fruit-carriers. Two ships now run under the South African flag.

The Union-Castle liners carry to South Africa every type of manufactured goods and farmers' requisites. Their ships bring in bullion, oranges, grapefruits, peaches, and grapes. From East Africa they bring cloves, sisal, tobacco, tea, and coffee; from South Africa wool, hides, ochre, canned jams and fruits.



The Pretoria Castle at anchor in Table Bay

HIS WATCH ON THE RHINE

High above the Rhine at Basle, where the great river divides Germany from Switzerland, one of the most famous thinkers of Europe sits in his quiet old house contemplating events in Europe.

It is now nearly 20 years since Professor Karl Barth spoke his bell-like warning against the Nazis. He went to Basle on the free soil of Switzerland in order to speak his mind to the world, and he has been listened to with respect ever since.

A CN correspondent was recently privileged to chat with Professor Barth at home. He is now nearly 70 and is still at work on his great book on the Christian faith which has already reached eight large volumes in German, and may one day be printed in English.

His books have a large sale in Germany, where there is a school of thought—called Barthian—which stands for the unwavering freedom of Christian belief and the Christian church.

Dr. Barth's watch on the Rhine is always an alert one. He knows that what happens in Germany is bound to affect the rest of Europe, and from his quiet watch tower he sends out letters and articles which thinking men all over the world read and ponder.

WAKING EARLY IN EARLIER TIMES

Waking up in the morning is not a new problem. An alarm clock believed to date from the 15th century has just been lent to the Science Museum at South Kensington.

Probably the first alarm clock on record was one made by Plato, about 400 B.C., to awaken students at his famous academy in Athens. A model of it was constructed 20 years ago from an ancient description.

It was a water clock which blew a whistle at a prearranged time. A quantity of water was timed to release itself suddenly from a little reservoir, and this forced air through a whistle, briskly summoning the students to "rise and shine."

Steps to Sporting Fame



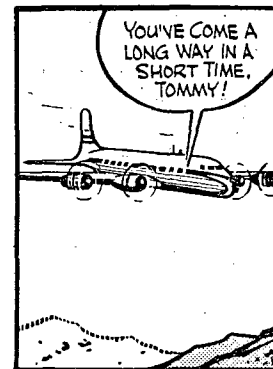
Three years ago unknown, today famed in football and world-travelled, Tommy Taylor's steps to the top have been rapid indeed. And chance has played its part.



Barnsley born, he played no football for two years after leaving school. He was working in the pits when he decided to have a game. He was small and slight, and the tough miners did not think much of his chances.



Taylor, however, played—and after the match he was invited to join Barnsley F.C. At 18 he was in their League team, and after only 44 matches was transferred to Manchester United for a fee of £29,000.



He had been at Manchester only a few weeks when he stepped up to International rank. He was a member of the England team that toured South America last May and June. He played against Chile and Uruguay.

WELCOME INVASION OF THE LAPWINGS

"It was a wonderful sight," declared a Norfolk naturalist, after flocks of lapwings swept in from the North Sea and across his garden. "Throughout one morning they came over in their hundreds, until we tired of counting them."

A few days later an Irish bird-watcher reported the arrival there of similar big flocks of lapwings. Whether they were the same birds, or others which had bred in Northern Britain, it was impossible to say.

Every year flocks of these beautiful birds reach the East Coast from Scandinavia, Germany, and Denmark between September and November. Meantime, bird-watchers in Sussex, where the lapwings have sadly declined in number during recent years, have

BANK OF GLASS

Banks are usually strong, solid-looking buildings, but in New York a new bank is being built with outer walls entirely of glass. Passers-by will be able to see every department without entering the bank.

Burglars, however, who like to hide their light under a bushel, will not relish the prospect of entering a glass house.

been thrilled to find more of them attempting to breed.

In one village near Lewes nearly a dozen pairs occupied territories where only one pair had appeared the previous year. These newcomers lived in low-lying meadows where lapwings regularly bred before the war.

If this means that the lapwings are increasing their numbers—though it is rash to jump to conclusions on limited evidence—none will be happier than the farmer; for these handsome black-and-white birds with broad, rounded wings, prominent crest, and slow, graceful flight, are among his best friends.

More than half their diet consists of harmful insects. Indeed, so useful to man are lapwings that, 300 years ago, householders used to encourage them to feed in their gardens, tame ones being kept specially to eat the harmful caterpillars and wireworm.

A farmer at Breadsall, Derbyshire, last week declared that he had just enjoyed "the best tonic" for months—the sight of 150 lapwings feeding in his fields.

Some of our English lapwings stay near their breeding haunts throughout the year, but the majority wander far afield. Those

breeding in Northern Britain often migrate to Ireland; others, like many of the South Country lapwings, move into France, Spain, and Portugal for the winter.

Perhaps the lapwing's worst enemy, possibly responsible for their decline in recent years, is the magpie, which eats so many of their eggs. Hence the anxiety of some young naturalists, belonging to the Junior Bird Recorders Club.

Their parent organisation, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, have produced some magnificent illustrated posters headed: WANTED ALIVE—LAPWINGS, and many have been distributed to schools and youth clubs. But the young naturalists are asking, "Can we expect to find the lapwings thriving while magpies are so abundant?"

SLOWED DOWN

To take slow-motion pictures of explosions the University of California has built a camera capable of taking more than three million pictures a second. Rotating mirrors take the place of an ordinary camera shutter.

High-speed action which took, perhaps, only one-thousandth of a second to complete, can be projected for more than three minutes.

ROUND-UP IN THE HEBRIDES

In the Hebrides, or Western Isles, hundreds of cattle and sheep have been rounded up for the great October sales in Oban. And it has not been an easy task, for some of the animals have spent two or three years without sight of man.

Perhaps Mr. McKenzie of Crinan, Argyllshire, had the most difficult job of all. His cattle are kept on several tiny islands, many without a pier.

The nearest are on the Garvelochs, the "Isles of the Sea" in the Firth of Lorne; others are on Staffa, the island of Fingal's Cave, and Gunna, some 50 miles from the mainland as the crow flies. A half-mile strait separates Gunna and Coll, which has a pier, and cattle have to swim this distance.

Cattle on Gunna are driven down to the water's edge, and then men in boats take over, steering the herd across the strait.

On islands where there is no pier the cattle are loaded into ferry-boats about 30 feet long, carried out to a waiting ship, and swung aboard in slings.

Sheep are a special problem. Because of their heavy fleeces they cannot swim from island to island and often have to be hoisted one by one into a boat to be taken out to the steamer.

A CURSE ON THE WATER

A gathering of drum-beating Cheyenne and Arapahoe Indians recently laid a curse on Oklahoma City's lakes to keep fish from biting and ducks from landing on the surface.

They were protesting about the draining of water from Canton Lake, their own hunting and fishing waters, to replenish lakes in Oklahoma City during a drought, an operation which they say has reduced it to a disastrous low level.

In a colourful ceremony, Chief Bennie Spotted Wolf led his followers as they broke a traditional peace pipe. Then, as drums sounded, Chief Henry Spotted Crow uttered the curse.

THE REAL ROBINSON CRUSOE—the strange life-story of Alexander Selkirk (5)



As the boats from the ships approached the shore, Selkirk realised that the visitors were Spaniards. England was at war with Spain, and he had heard that the Spaniards were cruel to their prisoners, making them slaves in their mines. Rather than fall into their hands he ran. They landed, fired at him, and pursued him.



He was a swift runner and he soon outstripped them. When he was out of sight he climbed a tall tree. To his horror they came straight to it, but evidently they had not spotted him. His heart was in his mouth as they loitered at the foot, calling to their comrades searching for the castaway they suspected was British.



They tired of the search, filled their water casks, and returned to their ships. Selkirk climbed down from the tree, and as he watched them sail away he reflected sadly that his only human visitors had been dangerous enemies. For the Spaniards, he knew, bitterly resented British intrusion into the "South Sea."



Later, a far worse adventure befell him. He was chasing a goat which ran into a line of bushes. He followed, dived at the goat, then felt himself falling. The bushes hid the top of a steep inland precipice which was unknown to him, for he had not yet explored all the island. Goat and man hurtled towards the rocks below.

Will Selkirk be seriously injured in his fall? See next week's instalment

Thrilling serial of mystery and adventure in Switzerland

DANGER MOUNTAIN

by Patrick Pringle

Jack and Robin Hilton are with their parents in Switzerland. They go skiing with a Swiss girl, Junge. They see a man climb up the back of the hotel and steal an attaché case from the room of another visitor, Dr. Marcus. They chase the thief, but he gets away. They return to the hotel—and Dr. Marcus says that he did not have an attaché case.

6. Who is the thief?

"NOTHING is missing from Dr. Marcus's room," the hotel manager told the boys.

"But we saw the thief go in through the window," said Robin. "And we saw him come out with the attaché case."

"I have no attaché case," repeated Dr. Marcus.

"Have you been in your room since lunch?" Jack asked Dr. Marcus.

"No. Why?"

"Well, that explains it a bit. Just before lunch a man took the attaché case into your room—a man with a husky voice. He came into our room first, by mistake. That's how we happen to know about it."

Dr. Marcus looked puzzled.

"I do not know a man with a husky voice, and no one would send me an attaché case," he said. "Perhaps you were mistaken about the room."

The hotel manager went round to see if anyone else had missed a small black attaché case, but no one had. Then he asked the staff about a man with a husky voice. Again the answers were negative, although the hall porter admitted that anyone could have gone in and out about lunchtime.

"It must have been a mistake," said the manager; and the boys felt that he no longer believed there had been a thief at all.

The police force

"It's odd that no one heard us shouting," said Jack, when he and Robin joined their parents.

"I gather that all the staff were at the front of the hotel," said Mr. Hilton, who had been making inquiries himself. "It seems they always are at that time of the day. And, of course, nearly all the visitors were out skiing."

"It's a good job we got the manager to telephone the police at Frutigen straight away," said Robin.

"The thief may have doubled back after he shook us off," pointed out Jack. He caught the manager's eye, and asked him, "Have you told the police here as well as at Frutigen?"

The manager looked uncomfortable.

"In Edelberg it is the police's day off," he said.

"What, the whole force?"

"There is only one policeman," the manager explained. "You see," he added with a smile, "we do not usually have crime here."

"He makes it sound as if we brought crime with us," said Robin, when the manager had gone.

The boys met Junge the next morning after breakfast, and Jack told her what had happened.

"I cannot understand it," she said. "One man puts an attaché case in a room, and another man climbs in the window to take it out. Dr. Marcus says it was not his, and no one else knows anything about it. It is not sense."

"It isn't," agreed Jack. After a pause he added, "I wonder where the thief came from."

"He is not of this village," Junge spoke definitely. "I know everyone here by sight."

"I think he must have been here before, though," said Jack. "At the hotel, I mean. He knew his way about—and he chose a time when all the staff were on the other side of the building."

"But we told the manager what he looked like," pointed out Robin. "He didn't recognise him."

"He is a new manager," said Junge. "And the staff change a lot, and only come here for the season. I shall tell Rudi what he looked like, and ask if he remembers him. Now let us do some skiing."

They took their skis to the nursery slopes, and Junge gave the boys a private lesson. Most of the other ski-ers had formed into parties under the official instructors. Dr. Marcus was the centre of attraction of one of these, and was living up to his reputation

of being the world's worst ski-er. Junge pointed out her father, Rudi, who was in charge of another party, which was soon joined by Mr. and Mrs. Hilton.

"We must watch this," said Robin. "How does it feel, Dad?" he called out, as his father struggled to put on his skis.

"I'm fine," was the reply. "It's your mother I'm worried about."

Helped by Rudi, Mrs. Hilton had already put on her skis, and looked quite comfortable. Her husband brushed aside Rudi's offer of help. He had already learnt how to fit skis from one of his books. He did not even listen to what Rudi was saying about getting them against the slope.

"There!" he said, beaming, as he straightened up.

Mr. Hilton on skis

The next moment he was shooting backward down the slope.

It happened so quickly that even Rudi was caught unawares.

"Look out!" he shouted to the ski-ers below—and they scattered as Mr. Hilton descended like a human tornado.

Mr. Hilton had picked up his ski sticks before he made his involuntary take-off, and he was waving them about rather wildly like Indian clubs. This extended the danger zone on both sides of his path, and Rudi went down past him to help stragglers to safety. He did not attempt to stop Mr. Hilton, who, in fact, was going remarkably well in reverse. He did not look graceful, but he kept upright and, after the first few yards, he was loudly encouraged by his sons.

His run finished abruptly in a small snowdrift. The backs of the skis disappeared, closely followed by Mr. Hilton himself.

Jack, Robin, and Junge ski-ed down to the place, where Rudi was beginning to pull him out.

"Can we help?" asked Jack, looking as serious as he could, when his father came up spouting snow like a whale surfacing.

"Gr-r-r," said Mr. Hilton.

"Look out!" warned Robin, as another figure came rushing down, skiing forward, but apparently equally out of control.

They drew back, but the ski-er fell before he reached them. It was Dr. Marcus, who slithered the last few yards to where Mr. Hilton was standing.

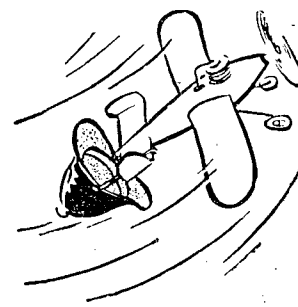
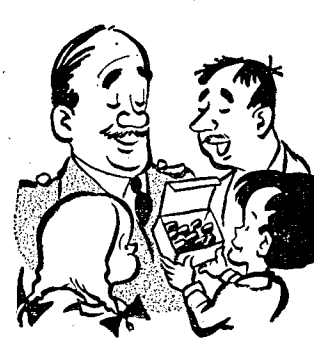
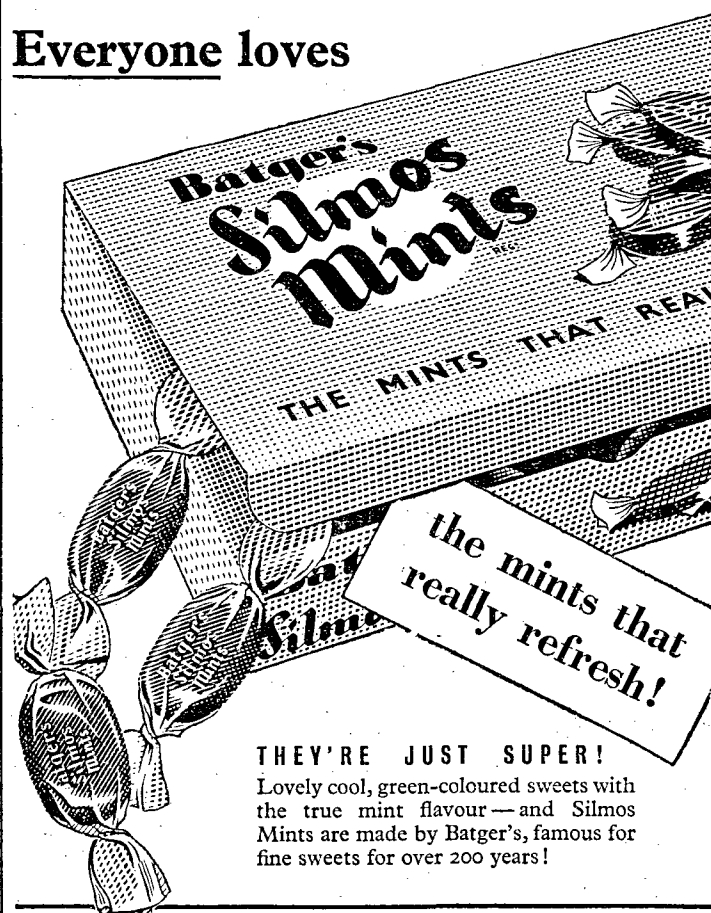
"That is a thing I have never done," he said enviously.

Mr. Hilton looked surprised.

"I didn't really mean to do it," he admitted.

That was too much for his sons, who turned to hide their laughter and ski-ed away.

"Dad is game, anyway," said Jack a few minutes later, when they saw their father back at the top of the slope, trying to follow the instructor. Unfortunately, he was trying to instruct his wife at the same time, and he had several

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FRED WILLIAMS, of Wembley, is the new world speedway champion. This 27-year-old Welshman from Port Talbot also won the title in 1950, and was runner-up in 1952.

DEREK DICKSON, of Stoke Newington, has set up an unusual swimming "double" this summer. He is the holder of the Southern Counties "butterfly" and 200-yard breast-stroke championships.

BILL PALMER, of Oxford University, is expected to make rapid progress next season as a shot putter. He stands 6 feet 7 inches and weighs 16 stone. His brother John, who is 6 feet 10 inches, was the outstanding player in the Oxford University basketball team a few years ago.

THE Trumans, of Woodford, Essex, must be one of the finest tennis families in the country. Some weeks ago 12-year-old Christine won the Evening News girls' singles championship; her sister Isabel, aged 16, did remarkably well in the Junior Wimbledon; and now 18-year-old brother Humphrey has won the London Parks boys' singles.

NEXT week 30 New Zealand Rugby players leave by air for a five-month tour, embracing Britain, France, Canada, and California. The fourth visit of the "All-Blacks" to this country is eagerly awaited, for New Zealand is regarded as the world's greatest Rugby country.

LESS than 24 hours after a Hungarian team had lowered the world's record for the 4 x 1500 metres relay race, the British team of R. H. Dunkley, D. C. Law, D. A. G. Pirie, and G. W. Nankeville, reduced the time by a further two seconds to 15 minutes 27.2 seconds.

TERRY KEENES, captain of Ilford Football Club, is also a fine tennis player. A week after he had won the London Parks men's doubles title he had a very full Saturday. In the late morning he played in his tennis club's singles final; played football for Ilford in the afternoon; then raced back to the courts for the doubles final.

GORDON THOMAS, better known as "Tiny," of Shipley, Yorkshire, won the recent 1600 miles Tour of Britain. At the age of 32 he was the oldest man in this exhausting cycling race.

IN the recent European Police Swimming Championships, held in Belgium, British representatives won five of the six individual titles, and were second in the other, thus taking the team title by a large margin.

A CN reader informs us that the hockey team of Aireborough Grammar School, Yeadon, near Leeds, has lost only one match in three years.

FOLLOWING her record-breaking crossing of the English Channel, Florence Chadwick of California set up a new record when she swam the Strait of Gibraltar in 5 hours 6 minutes.

THE first overseas fencer to take a British Academy of Fencing diploma is 27-year-old Michael O'Brien of Brisbane. Michael intends to return there and become a coach to enthusiasts who have formed their own club.

ON Saturday the first of England's International Soccer Championship matches will be staged at Cardiff, where they will meet Wales. Of the previous 63 matches between the two countries, England have won 42 and Wales ten.

DANGER MOUNTAIN

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more falls while they watched. Mrs. Hilton also fell once or twice, but quite gracefully, and she was the first of Rudi's party to reach the bottom of the slope in a single run.

"Your mother will ski well," said Junge.

"What about Dad?"

"He may learn. Rudi is a good teacher. Now it's time you did some ski-ing yourselves."

Junge kept them at it for the rest of the morning. They arranged to meet again after lunch, and then the boys went back to the hotel with their parents.

"From a practical point of view," said Mr. Hilton at lunch, "you boys are a bit more advanced."

"You're still ahead on theory, Dad," said Jack.

"I ought to be, the way I've studied it. That will tell in the end. But you've had more practice on skis."

"Twice as much," said Robin.

"Exactly. And, of course, I have to help your mother."

"It looked jolly good when you went down backwards," said Robin

Mr. Hilton frowned.

"I didn't really mean to go down at all," he admitted.

"No, but you did awfully well once you were going. Most people would have fallen at the start," said Jack.

"I managed to keep on my feet, or rather my skis," agreed his father. "It wasn't easy, either."

"I'm sure it wasn't. Junge said that ski-ing backwards is terrifically difficult even for experts, and it takes most people years before they can do it."

This was too much for Robin. Trying not to laugh, he had a fit of coughing, and after that his mother kept the subject off ski-ing.

After lunch the boys went to the hotel ski store, and found Junge waiting for them. She was tying their skis onto a large toboggan.

"Where did you get that?" asked Jack.

"It's mine. We need it to carry the skis. We are going farther this afternoon."

She spoke quickly, and Jack realised she was very excited.

"Any news?" he asked.

"Yes. Rudi knows the thief."

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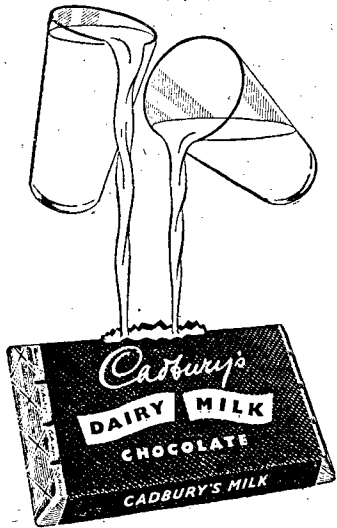
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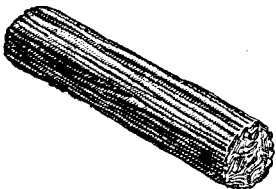
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9 o'clock and will not be much in
evidence until about an hour later.
But as it rises nearly half-an-hour
earlier every week it will soon
reach a higher altitude, and it will
be of interest to note its move-
ments.

Jupiter is now at the most
northerly part of its orbit and
throughout the coming winter will
add much to the glory of the night
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milk she waits in the garage. Then,
as soon as he opens the car door,
she hops in and delivers her daily
egg.

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Congratulations to the following
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David Smith, Hale; Helen Wheel-
don, Buxton.

This great planet is also coming
nearer, so its apparent magnitude
will increase. At present Jupiter
is about 427,500,000 miles away,
but this distance will so rapidly
decrease that in two months' time,
when at its nearest, it will be re-
duced by some 45 million miles.

Actually, it is the Earth that is
getting nearer to Jupiter, for the
Earth's speed, amounting to about
18½ miles a second, enables it to
overtake Jupiter, which is travel-
ling at about eight miles a second.

VENUS AND MARS

IN the morning sky the planet
Venus still appears a splendid
object, though its brilliance has
waned somewhat as it rapidly re-
cedes from the Earth. But interest
in Venus will increase during the
next few weeks because at present
it appears quite close to Mars.

So the present time provides a
favourable opportunity for identi-
fying Mars, which is not nearly so
conspicuous as Venus and appears
only like a second-magnitude star.

Mars may now be seen to be
only slightly above and to the right
of Venus, but this state of things
will not continue for long as the
two worlds are gradually separat-
ing, or rather, appearing to do so.

However, for the next fortnight
their apparent proximity to each
other will be obvious and their
subsequent movements of interest
for early-risers to note.

APPEARING AS ONE

Though appearing so close to-
gether and, at the beginning of this
week, scarcely distinguishable as
two separate bodies, they are actu-
ally as far apart as the Earth is
from the Sun. Mars is at present
about 225 million miles distant
and Venus about 142 million miles
from us.

This partly accounts for the
dimness of Mars as compared with
Venus, for Mars is about 140
million miles from the Sun while
Venus is only about 67 million
miles away. This makes a very
great difference to the amount of
sunlight which they reflect to us.

Venus appears just now very
much larger than Mars, their rela-
tive sizes as seen telescopically
being shown in the accompanying
diagram.

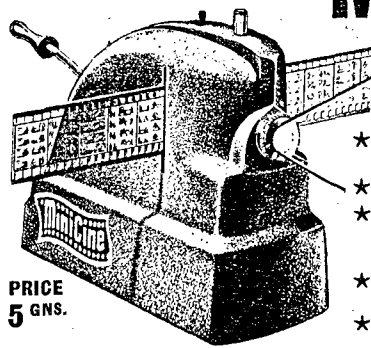
Venus now appears slightly
gibbous, for it is approaching the
far side of its orbit and therefore
receding from the Earth. By the
end of the year Venus will
have almost
vanished from the morning sky.

Mars, however, is becoming
nearer as our world slowly over-
takes it, and in a month's time its
distance will be 210 million miles.

It will be many months before
Mars becomes a prominent object,
but by next summer Mars will be
seen in all its glory, appearing in
the sky as brilliant as Venus is
now, though not with that
world's silvery radiance but with
its own characteristic reddish hue.

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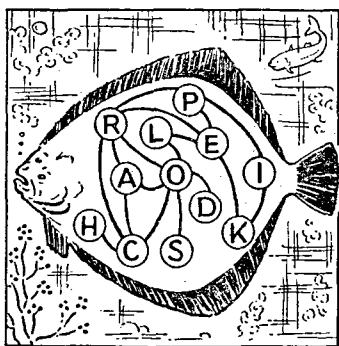
POINTED TALK

THE Pin and the Needle were talking together; Said the Pin to the Needle, "What glorious weather!" Said the Needle, "What difference does that make to you When you've no eyes for beauty, and can't see the view?"

Said the Pin, "I've no eyes I shall have to admit, But I'd rather (you'll pardon my mentioning it?) I'd rather remain as I am than, instead, Be possessed of an eye, and, like you, lose my head!"

Can you . . .

. . . find the names of six fish by starting at certain letters and following the lines? You must not move from one letter to another unless there is a connecting line between them.



Sole, perch, cod, roach, carp, pike.

SAMMY SIMPLE

SAMMY on the telephone, failing to get an answer at the first attempt:

"Will you please give them a good, long, loud ring, operator, as there may not be anybody at home."

FARMER GRAY EXPLAINS

THE COMMON MUSHROOM. "A mushroom?" cried Ann gleefully, stooping and picking it. "It might be a toadstool," warned her brother Don. "We must ask Farmer Gray when we get back home."

The children found that Farmer Gray was out, so the mushroom was put in a locker in the stable. The next day Ann hastened to ask the farmer's opinion. A shock awaited her. She had put a medium-sized mushroom in the locker, but now it had grown into a monster one.

"It is a common mushroom, Ann," said the farmer. "Mushrooms often continue to grow after they are picked. And you were wise to make sure it was an edible species."

Elastic words

PLACE each of the two-letter words inside one of the three-letter words to form a longer word. For instance, AS placed inside TOT gives the word TOAST. Can you complete the other seven?

IN, AM, HE, GO, TO, NO, ON, CRY, FAT, MAR, SAT, ANY, SET, SHE.

Answer next week

HOLDING THE BABY

THE expression "holding the baby" appears to have had its origin in the autumn, for it seems to have an association with the end of harvesting.

Many years ago the first farmer in a district to finish gathering his corn would twist a bundle of straw into the rough shape of a baby. He would hand this to a neighbouring farmer whose corn was still unharvested.

He in turn would pass it onto someone else, the bundle going from farmer to farmer until the last one to complete his harvest was left "holding the baby."

Rhyming puzzle

HERE are clues to five words which all rhyme. What are they?

- 1 Compassion or shame.
- 2 Funny.
- 3 Big town.
- 4 Girl's Christian name.
- 5 Short, simple song.

Answer next week

RODDY



"I suppose it just runs into things"

Two threes

THE answers to the clues for two three-letter words, when joined together, make a six-letter word to answer the third clue.

Victory + at present = separate grain from chaff.

A tree + mineral = on land.

Dog + not many = "Fires out!"

Headgear + scarlet = strong dislike.

Friend + attempt = trivial.

Answer next week

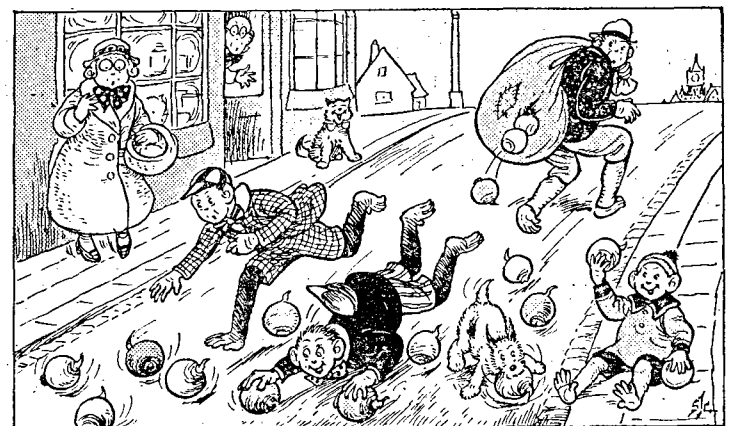
Preserving beech leaves

IF you would like some beech leaves in all their gorgeous autumn colouring to keep all through the winter now is the time to set about it.

Pick small branches just as the leaves are turning from green to gold and stand them in a mixture of equal quantities of glycerine and water. Leave them until the leaves turn copper coloured.

Take the branches out of the container, wipe the stems dry, put them in vases and arrange to give the best effect. Except for an occasional dusting, the beech leaves will need no further attention.

JACKO AND COMPANY LEND A HAND



Jacko, Chimp, Baby, and Bouncer were walking up the hill when a turnip, of all things, rolled past them. Then another, and another, and yet another. The farmer's sack had burst, but thanks to Jacko and Co. most of the turnips were stopped before they rolled right down the hill.

Riddle-me-ree

My first is in feather, but not in quill;
My second's in powder but not in pill;
My third is in jelly and trifle as well;
My fourth is in bicycle; never in bell;
My fifth is in multitude, also in crowd;
My sixth is in haughty but not in proud;
My next is in yesterday, also today;
My last is in speaking, and saying, and say.
My whole we look forward to when school is done,
When lessons are ended and we can have fun.

Answer next week

Double meaning

The two missing words are pronounced similarly, but have different meanings. Can you find what they are?

"I — that rough old tramp's about, He called at Mrs. Nogg's." "He won't come —," said Auntie Dot. "He doesn't like our dogs."

Here, here

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS

What am I?

Point, pint, pin, in, I

What's their line?

Station master, signalman, stable-boy, drum-major, plate-layer, engine-driver

Puzzle for Auntie

Thirty-six

MELON	COD
AVOID	COVE
TEPTID	MEN
NORDERS	
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BLACK DAY FOR BILLY

"Oh, by the way, Billy," said Mummie, "we are going to the dentist this afternoon. I have made an appointment for him to inspect your teeth."

Billy's face fell. He hated going to the dentist.

But he soon forgot this when the new coal bunker arrived.

"Come on, Billy," said Daddie, "you can help me shift the coal into the new bunker. I'm going to put it in a different position."

Billy had on some old clothes and so he began to help, holding open the top of the sacks while Daddie shovelled in the coal.

They had not been working long when a neighbour popped in to see Daddie for a few minutes. "I might as well carry on," thought Billy as Daddie went indoors.

But it was nearly 20 minutes later when Mummie came out. "Come on, Billy," she said. "It's time we got ready to . . ."

She broke off as she saw Billy. In 20 minutes he had got himself covered from head to foot with coal dust!

Billy had forgotten all about the dentist, and his hopes rose as Mummie surveyed his grime.

But it was no use. He had to have a bath and go to the dentist.

Thrifty little wild-folk

WHEN the hazel-nuts have ripened

And the puffball sheds its spores,

Tiny woodland folk are busy Gathering in their winter stores—

Hips and haws, fine fat brown acorns,

Beech-nuts, seed, and golden grain.

Wise wee creatures all preparing

For the months of frost and rain.

Brown study



Bath-time does not appear to be very popular with this little fellow in Malaya; but then, who would want to have a bath in a bucket?



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